IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shigeharu HASHIMOTO et al.

Application No. New U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2003/002378

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For:

EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM, METHOD OF CALCULATING PRESSURE LOSS OF FILTER, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FILTER

TRANSLATION OF THE AMENDMENTS UNDER PCT ARTICLE 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached hereto is a translation of the amendments of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). The attached translated material replaces the claims.

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Description under the Convention Article 19 (1)

The Claims 1 and 2 were cancelled to clarify differences from prior documents.

In accordance with said amendment, the Claim 3 was amended to independent form. Furthermore, the Claims 4, 5 and 8 to 11 were amended not to depend on the Claims 1 and 2.

The Claims 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14 originally filed are 10 retained unchanged.